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**City of Calistoga
Building and Fire Appeals Board
Unapproved Minutes**

Regular Meeting
City of Calistoga Community Center
Calistoga, CA

Date: October 2, 2008
Time: 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Coates called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chairman Paul Coates, Bev More, and Tom Stimpert

Board Members Absent:

Vice chairman Dave Shaw and Member Fred Bott

Staff Present:

Steve Campbell Fire Chief, and Brad Cannon Building Inspector/Secretary,

Appellants:

None

Public Present:

None

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 4, 2008 minutes by Chairman Coates and seconded by Member More.

3. Presentations or Hearing Proposals:

a) Section 1802 Soils Investigation:

Secretary gave a brief introduction of the changes and previous discussions by the board. Member Stimpert asked the question about the maximum square footage for additions. Both Chairman Coates and Member More agreed that it did not make sense and the wording should change. Chairman Coates provided a suggested a definition for such additions. Chairman Coates then motioned to adopt the policy as amended. Member More seconded the motion. All in favor 3 AYES and 0 NOES with 2 Absent.

b) Policy on Photovoltaic/Solar Guidelines:

Secretary Cannon provided a quick presentation on the guidelines provided by the State Fire Marshall's office (SFM). Secretary Cannon handed out the final draft copy of the SFM's guidelines, copy of the Redwood Chapter Association of Code Officials (REACO) draft guidelines, and a copy of

48 Article 690 from the 2007 California Electrical Code. Chief Campbell
49 discussed the background on fire department personnel's general
50 procedures on ensuring a home or business is safe. Secretary discussed
51 CEC Section 690.17. Chairman Coates discussed the issues relating to fire
52 rating of roof assemblies when solar panels are specified. Secretary
53 Cannon explained that all assemblies must meet code recognized
54 standards or they must be submitted for approval as alternative methods
55 and materials. Chairman Coates also questioned the Building Integrated
56 Photovoltaics (BIPV) systems and how those are marked. Discussion was
57 provided by the entire board on what these systems were. Chief Campbell
58 is going to a meeting on Friday, October 10th with the SFM office and will
59 check into how these BIPV's are beening dealt with and how they are
60 marked.

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62 **c) CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

63 Secretary Cannon brought up classes available to the Board and
64 encouraged all to take part of upcoming classes provided by the
65 department. Much was discussed of the new ignition resistance
66 requirements found in the CBC Chapter 7A. As requested by the Board, a
67 class will be scheduled for this topic. Secretary Cannon discussed that the
68 Building Codes will be available to the Board on CD's soon.

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70 **4. Public Appearances or Comments:**

71 None.

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73 **5. Next Meeting Topics for Review:**

74 Discussion of Solar Policy and next meeting will be decided by Secretary Cannon
75 and all Board Members will be notified.

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77 **6. Adjournment:**

78 Chairman Coates motioned to adjourn and Member Stimpert seconded. Meeting
79 adjourned at **6:45PM**.

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